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Statement

Premier Taptuna reacts to imposed carbon price

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Premier Peter Taptuna released the following statement:

"The Prime Minister's announcement of an imposed national tax on carbon could negatively affect the northern economy. The geographic remoteness and harsh winter climate of Nunavut force high transportation and energy costs on Nunavummiut. A price on carbon would likely inflict substantial costs on the people of Nunavut, yet achieve little reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

However, we have been assured by the Prime Minister and federal Environment Minister that the unique nature of the North will be taken into account, and we await those details.

Nunavut's GHG emissions account for only 0.1 per cent of Canada's total emissions. Nunavut's GHG emissions as of 2012-2013 were 700,000 tons".

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